(c) and (d) Action with regard to Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) in fertilizer sector is to be taken keeping in view the declared policy of the Government of India towards the public sector which is restructuring and revive potentially viable PSUs and close down those (PSUs) which cannot be revived while fully protecting the interests of workers.

Export Promotion Council for Bulk Drugs

3653. SHRI DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a meeting held by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on 17th March, 1998, a decision had been taken to have a separate export promotion council for bulk drugs and pharmaceuticals;

(b) if so, what follow-up action is being taken by government;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh has sent any request to establish the headquarters of the said Council at Hyderabad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the status of the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) A meeting to consider this matter was held in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers on March 17, 1998. Such decisions are taken by Government after appropriate inter-Ministerial consultation. Government have not decided to have a separate export promotion council for pharmaceuticals.

(c) and (d) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has suggested that the headquarters of the Export Promotion Council for pharmaceuticals should be located at Hyderabad. Since no decision for a separate export promotion council for pharmaceuticals has been taken, no action has been possible on the suggestion of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Procurement of Urea Strippers by RCF

3654. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 149, given in Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 2000 and state:

(a) whether decision to procure Urea Strippers by RCF has since been taken; and

(b) if so, the name of the firm with whom the order has been placed, with price and detailed terms and conditions thereof?